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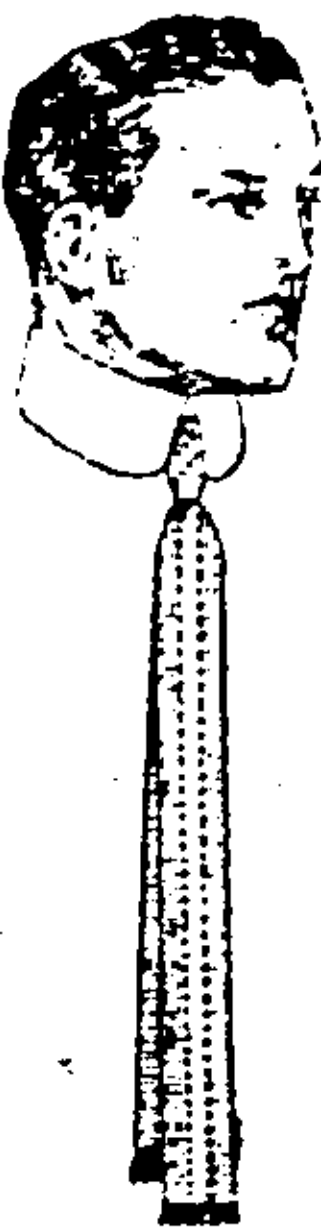
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FRENCH BANK SETBACK.

BANK CONSORTIUM ABANDONS RESCUE.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT DEFAULTS.

PARIS, October 19.

The consortium of banks which was formed with the object of coming to the rescue of the Banque Industrielle de Chine has informed the Minister of Finance that it has been obliged to abandon the idea owing to the fact that the Chinese Government is no longer prepared to abide by its promised guarantees.

NOT SINGAPORE.

BRITISH NAVAL BASE IN THE PACIFIC.

MELBOURNE, October 19.

Mr. Hughes, speaking in the House of Representatives, said that the question of a naval base in the Pacific had been discussed by the Imperial Conference. A decision was reached but the base would not be Singapore.

AMERICAN FREIGHTS REDUCED.

NEW CONTINENTAL EUROPE RATES.

NEW YORK, October 19.

The Continental conference of Shipping Board representatives and shipping companies has announced a reduction in freights to Continental Europe of between 15 and 20 per cent. a ton on metals and three to five per cent. on oils, grains, meats and canned goods.

UPPER SILESIAN DECISION.

EFFECTIVE HINT QUIETENS BOTH SIDES.

LONDON, October 19.

It is learned that the Polish Government has given an assurance that it will do its utmost to ensure the carrying out of the League of Nations decision with regard to Upper Silesia. It is believed that this will have a calming effect on Germany as it is known that Germany has been communicating with Poland with regard to settlement. It is hinted that if either party does not accept the decision the Supreme Council may reconsider the frontier in favour of the accepting party, but it is confidentially hoped that Germany will unreservedly accept.

LONDON, October 19.

In a speech at Dalmuir, Lord Invernairn declared that unless the price of steel was reduced to something like pre-war figures, steel works must close down.

FINANCIAL CONFERENCE.

AMERICAN BANKING EXPERTS INVITED.

WASHINGTON, October 19.

President Harding has declined the invitation of British bankers to send representatives to a non-official financial conference on December 12 but has expressed the opinion that private banking experts would probably gladly participate.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE INVITATION.

BELGIUM ACCEPTS WITH THANKS.

WASHINGTON, October 19.

Belgium has accepted the invitation to attend the Washington conference "with thanks and appreciation."

FRENCH PREMIER'S POSITION.

PARIS, October 19.

In the Chamber of Deputies, M. Briand announced that subject to the approval of Parliament he himself heads the French delegation to Washington.

FRENCH IMPORTS DECREASE.

EXPORTS SHOW SMALL INCREASE.

PARIS, October 19.

The imports of France for the first nine months of 1921 totalled 15,833 million francs, 24,806,000 tons compared with 46,155,000 tons during the corresponding period last year. The reduction is largely due to a decrease of 9,000,000 tons in raw materials. The exports totalled 16,862 million francs, 10,727,000 tons, compared with 8,951,000 tons during the corresponding period of 1920.

PARIS SENSATION.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S ESCAPE.

BOMB AS PERFORM.

PARIS, October 19.

A parcel addressed to the American Ambassador's house apparently containing a bottle of perfume exploded when opened by a maid seriously injuring the latter and wrecking the room. The bottle contained a high explosive bomb.

DAWN OF A NEW DAY.

WORLD CO-OPERATIVE ENDEAVOUR NEEDED.

PRESIDENT HARDING'S HOPES.

NEW YORK, October 19.

President Harding, speaking at a ceremony in commemoration of the British surrender of Yorktown in 1781, surrounded by high officials of the administration and standing within sight of the spot where Lord Cornwallis laid down his sword, said that he hoped to see it an enduring sentiment of peaceful relationship between the two great English-speaking nations "that either should ever again lift the sword against the other must be unthinkable as we are naturally arrayed together in a trusteeship preserving civilisation for all time." The triumph of freedom in the American colonies had strengthened liberalism in the old world. This liberalism had grown dominant and had inevitably brought Britain and America to a policy of accommodation and pacific adjustment of all differences. After a century of unbroken peace, they were united in the sacrifice of the world war, the lesson of which was the real interdependence of the nations which lead civilisation. After paying a tribute to France, President Harding said that they stood at the dawn of a new day in which the nations would be stronger for contributing to the world's betterment. It was an urgent need to bring together the best thought of all peoples into co-operative endeavour which would shun armed alliances and strengthen the bonds of peace.

PREMIER'S UNEMPLOYMENT HOPES.

EXPORT CREDIT SCHEME AMENDED.

£20,000,000 COLONIAL CREDIT PLAN.

LONDON, October 19.

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking in the House of Commons on unemployment, dwelt on the importance of reviving trade. He said that he had to convert the world's need for goods into demand and demand into payment. He announced that the Government's export credit scheme would be amended, the Government guaranteeing 100 per cent. instead of 85 per cent. and a special advisory commission would fix the maximum to which each firm would be permitted to trade. That would enable business in textile factories to be done abroad.

NEW COLONIAL LOANS.

Mr. Lloyd George announced that Mr. Winston Churchill has arranged to raise about £20,000,000 upon the credit of the British Colonies for the purposes of development of railways and utility works which would appreciably affect the engineering trades in Britain. He pointed out that orders were tarrying because the cost of production and the cost of raising capital were both excessive. The Government proposed guaranteeing colonial loans providing their expenditure promoted employment in the United Kingdom. A fund contributed to jointly by the workers, master, and the state would be established for six months from which the unemployed were already receiving benefit and would receive an additional grant for their families.

BRITAIN'S COURAGE.

Mr. Lloyd George said that trade recovery was the real remedy for unemployment. That did not depend on the Government which was compelled to economise ruthlessly. He emphasised that in spite of a debt of £8,000,000,000 Britain was paying her way and not concealing deficiencies by printing paper money. Her courage would be rewarded. He appealed to masters and workers to compose their differences, otherwise there would be no wages.

GOVERNMENT'S BILLS.

LONDON, October 19.

Two Government bills dealing with unemployment were formally introduced into the House of Commons by Dr. Macnamara, namely a bill temporarily providing for payment of grants to unemployed workers towards the maintenance of their families and suspending operation of section 27 of the Unemployment Insurance Act; also a bill authorising during a limited period provision for poor relief to destitute able bodied persons unemployed in Scotland and extending the borrowing powers of parish councils.

MAXIM GORKY'S NEW ROLE.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH AMERICAN CAPITALISTS.

HELSINKI, Oct. 19.

Maxim Gorky has arrived. It is understood that he proposes to enter into negotiations with American capitalists on behalf of the Soviet Government.

ITALIAN GENERALissimo HONOURED.

FREEDOM OF NEW YORK CITY.

NEW YORK, October 19.

General Diaz, the Italian generalissimo, was enthusiastically welcomed on his arrival to attend the convention of the American Legion. He was accorded the freedom of the city.

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By Order,

ROBT E. MACDOUGALL, Hon. Sec. & Treasurer.

Hongkong, October 14, 1921.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of members will be held at the Club House, North Point, on FRIDAY, 21st October, 1921, at 5.45 p.m. to consider and if thought advisable, to raise the Entrance Fee to \$25.

By Order,

ROBT E. MACDOUGALL, Hon. Sec. & Treasurer.

Hongkong, October 14, 1921.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE.

A GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held on TUESDAY, the 25th October, at 4.30 p.m., in the CHAIRMAN'S ROOM, Chartered Bank Building, 2 Queen's Road Central, for the purpose of nominating a Representative of the Chamber to serve on the Legislative Council, owing to the resignation of the Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK.

Notice in writing of the names of candidates and of their proposers and seconders to be lodged with the Secretary at least 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the General Meeting.

By Order,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Hongkong, October 18, 1921.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held in the Pavilion on TUESDAY, 25th October, 1921, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of authorising the issue of Debentures under the new Articles of Association.

By Order of the Committee.

L. S. GREENHILL, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, October 17, 1921.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE HALF YEARLY MEETING of the Jockey Club will be held in the Jockey Club rooms, Hongkong Club Annex, on THURSDAY, 27th October, at 12 noon.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE next GYMKHANA has been fixed for SATURDAY, 5th November, 1921. Programmes can be obtained at the Hongkong Club, the Racecourse and the Jockey Club. Entries close on October 25th.

A further GYMKHANA MEETING will be held on 26th November 1921 in aid of the British Legion.

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THE MOPLAHS.

TRoublesome Fanatics.

The Moplahs have given trouble at intervals for many years past.

In 1906, when the last census was taken, they numbered a million, but by this time probably number 1,500,000, according to an interview by a Times representative with Sir J. D. Rees, M.P., who for many years was British Resident in Travancore and Cochin, the native States of the Malabar coast.

The Moplahs are the descendants of Arab traders who married Hindus of the Malabar coast, and while they are most fanatical Mohammedans, they follow many Hindu customs.

They are commonly the tenants of Indian landlords, and it is generally accepted that their discontent has been founded upon agrarian difficulties.

They are rabid teetotallers and I profane ironists, earnest proselytizers, illiterate in comparison with the Hindus, and mostly Sunnis, who, no doubt, resent the present position of the Sultan and the terms of the Treaty of Sevres.

AMID THE SILENCES.

THE MOUNT EVEREST EXPEDITION.

The following message dated Tingri Dzong, July 16, has been received from Colonel Howard, Bury (world's copyright by the Times and supplied by the Mount Everest Committee):

On June 23 Mr. Mallory and Mr. Bullock, with coolies and yaks, left Tingri to reconnoitre the easiest methods of approaching Mount Everest from the north-west. The maps showing the country to the north of the mountain are quite useless. It is impossible to put any trust in them.

The chief obstacles to progress are the great glacier streams intervening, and at this time of the year quite unfordable. There is, however, an occasional rocky bridge. The first march from Tingri towards Everest led to the Rongbuk Glacier, a large glacier stream flowing down this valley, but there was a fragile bridge at the monastery of Chhobo. Over this bridge all loads had to be carried by hand, while the pack animals were swum across the river.

The path now led up the wild, strangely holy valley of Rongbuk, which stood at a height of 16,500 ft. It is curious how often the proximity of a great mountain or some wonderfully impressive piece of scenery comes to be looked upon as holy, sacred ground. So here, in this valley, live between three and four hundred hermits and nuns in the solitary cells or in the caves that are dotted about under the great cliffs that abound the valley. Here no news from the outer world ever penetrates. The hermits and nuns live a life of the greatest seclusion under the shadow of the giant precipice of Everest, and can contemplate the marvellous beauties of nature in peace and solitude.

In all these parts the inhabitants know Everest by the name of Chomolungma, the goddess mother of the country. This apparently is the proper Tibetan name for the mountain.

After a day or two spent in reconnaissance, the Alpine climbers established a camp at a height of 13,000 feet. Even supposing the ridge summits at 25,000 feet to 27,000 feet were gained, there yet remains some of the most difficult rock climbing at still greater heights before the summit could be attained. Hard rock climbing at great heights is practically an impossibility; it demands too much from the human frame. In highly rarified air the extra exertion demanded is impossible.

Since July 7 the rainy season has been upon us. By now the surveys have mapped over 6,500 square miles of new country.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PRINCE OF WALES IN MOTORING ACCIDENT.

LONDON, October 18th.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Prince Henry have been involved in a motor accident near Cambridge, a motor cycle colliding with the car in which the Prince was riding. The back wheel of the car was smashed. The Princes were not hurt, but the side car passenger was picked up unconscious.

AMERICA RATIFIES TREATIES.

WASHINGTON, October 18th.

The Senate has ratified the Peace Treaty with Hungary.

The ratifications completed the Administration's immediate peace programme. The United States is now at full peace with the Central Powers. Before the final vote was taken the Democrats endeavoured to substitute the Treaty of Versailles with twelve Lodge reservations for the German Treaty, but this was defeated, and the ratification of the Foreign Relations Committee, prohibiting American membership on the Allied Reparations Council or any other international committee without the consent of Congress, was adopted.

EMERGENCY TARIFF LAW.

WASHINGTON, October 18th.

The House of Representatives has passed, by 197 votes to 74, the Bill extending the Emergency Tariff Law until February 1st, 1922.

UPPER SILESLIA.

PARIS, October 18th.

The League of Nations' recommendation regarding Upper Silesia is to be considered by the Council of the League, the Ambassador of Poland, whose next sitting will be held tomorrow.

The British Ambassador, Lord Hardinge, is expected to-day from London.

M. ALBERT THOMAS.

PARIS, October 18th.

Former Secretary of State, M. Albert Thomas, now a director of the International Bureau of Labour at Geneva, has sought and obtained approval from the Socialist party in authorisation to resign his seat as a Deputy and to retain the directorship of Geneva.

HONOURS FOR ALLIED LEADERS.

NEW YORK, October 18th.

The freedom of the city will be conferred on Admiral Beatty, Marshal Foch, and Generals Diaz and Jacques, who during their stay in the United States will attend the convention of the American Legion.

FALL OF THE TRADE MARK.

ROTTERDAM, October 18th.

The heavy fall in the German mark has caused a feeling of recklessness on the Dutch exchange, nearly approaching a panic. Not only on the share and stock exchange but also quotations on the produce market have recently fallen so much that failures are unavoidable. Unemployment is increasing and one shipyard discharged eight hundred men on Saturday morning alone. Other concerns, such as the metal industry, have reduced wages by from eight to twelve per cent. Strikes are threatened.

GERMANY AND ENGLAND.

BERLIN, October 18th.

A naive assertion was made in a speech at Essen by the Prussian Premier, who expressed the opinion that in the present economic situation Germany's best hope lay in compelling England to pay more in unemployment doles than she obtained from Germany as reparations. He thought the fact should be utilised by the German Government.

HANDWRITING BY WIRELESS.

NEW YORK, October 18th.

The newspaper World publishes facsimile reproductions of messages in hand-writing from M. Harding and General Pershing transmitted from Paris to America by wireless. It is predicted that that before long pictures will be wirelessly across the Atlantic as easily as they can now be transmitted by cable.

GERMAN NEWSPAPER LOCKOUT.

BERLIN, October 18th.

As a result of a demand for increased wages the newspaper proprietors have declared a lock-out of the technical staffs of all non-Socialist newspapers in Berlin. Consequently only two minor non-Socialist papers are appearing.

OIL TRANSPORT AMALGAMATION PROPOSAL.

LONDON, October 18th.

Circulars are being sent out to shareholders of Tankers Limited, and the Scottish-American and Transport Oil Company, containing a proposal to amalgamate. The latter is unable to make the substantial payments provided in an agreement with Tankers owing to the serious fall in freights. A sum of £200,000 is still unpaid.

RAILWAY STRIKE.

WASHINGTON, October 18th.

It is asserted here that the real purpose of the threatened railway strike is to force the Government to adopt State ownership of the railways. It is believed that the men desire to return to the conditions existing during war, when the Government controlled transportation.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

ROME, October 18th.

The Italian delegates to the Washington Conference will be Signor Schanzer (president), Signor Meda, Signor Albertini, and Count Ricci, the Ambassador.

If the Foreign Minister is included in the other delegation, the Marquis della Torretta will join the Italians.

LATER.

The Marquis della Torretta, the Foreign Minister, will represent Italy at the Washington Conference.

CAMBRIDGE HONOUR BISHOP OF SHANTUNG.

CAMBRIDGE, October 18th.

Cambridge University will confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity on Bishop Scott, of Shantung.

BACK TO METHUSELAH.

NEW YORK THEATRE GUILD TO TRY SHAW'S LATEST.

The New York Theatre Guild is planning great things and wondering what in the name of Art and Commerce it can do with "Back to Methuselah." This latest of the Shaw works, wherein the author seeks for the fountain of eternal youth not in Florida but in the human will, is in itself so extraordinarily prolonged that some of the Guild directors think its production would better wait until Mr. Shaw has it all fixed up and each of us is allowed to dwell on earth for several hundred years. The disquieting alternative is the prospect of invading the Garrick this winter with a play whereof a single performance would last for two nights and possibly three.

In his preface to "Back to Methuselah," while relating the difficulties which thwart a playwright born into a godless generation, Mr. Shaw has this to say concerning three of his similarly frustrated colleagues. Can you identify them from his description? What Shaw:

WHAT G. B. S. SAYS.

"The leaders among my own contemporaries (now veterans) snatched at minor social problems rather than write entirely without any wider purpose than to win money and fame. One of them expressed to me his envy of the ancient Greek playwrights because the Athenians asked them, not for some new and original disguise of the half-dozen threadbare plots of the modern theatre, but for the deeper lesson they could draw from the familiar and sacred legends of their country. 'Let us all,' he said, 'write an Electra, an Antigone, an Agamemnon, and show what we can do of them. But he did not write any of them, because their legends are no longer religious; Aphrodite and Artemis and Poseidon are deader than their statues. Another, with a commanding position and every trick of British farce and Parisian drama at his fingers' ends, finally could not write without a sermon to preach, and yet could not find texts more fundamental than the hypocrisies of sham Puritanism, or the matrimonial speculation which makes our young actresses as careful of their reputations as of their complexions. A third, too tender-hearted to break our spirits with the realities of a bitter experience, coaxed a wistful pathos and a dainty fun out of the fairy cloudland that lay between him and the empty heavens."

MUSEUM CHIEF.

HEADACHES AND BOREDOM AT THE "BRITISH."

"We want to exhibit not more, but less, and to make that less more intelligible." This was the summing-up of the position of museums which was given to the Paris Conference of the Museums Association by Sir Frederic G. Kenyon, the Director of the British Museum. The official report of his address is published in the current number of *The Museums Journal*.

"Anyone who has studied a Bank Holiday crowd on a wet day must realise," he said, "that the majority of the visitors are simply overwhelmed by the diversity of objects and the immense area to be covered if the museum is to be conscientiously 'done.' That way lie headaches and boredom."

It is proposed to withdraw the greater part of the Greek vases at the British Museum from the public view, while leaving them accessible to properly accredited visitors. The general visitor will be tempted to examine the specimens, which by their very fewness will challenge attention.

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A Helpful Suggestion.

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The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, OCT. 20, 1921.

FELLOWSHIP.

Our recent lecturer, like the *China Mail*, believes in the method of habits. His idea of forming little groups everywhere of anti war minds, as heaven, was good and practical. Every single mind that clears itself of race prejudice and the old chauvinistic tendencies which pose falsely as patriotic, is a marked step in advance, and if properly "converted" will make a point of spreading its own enlightenment. In this matter Hongkong's lack of voting power, or its lack of prestige as a nation, does not matter. The bulk of the marketable harvest may look bigger and more valuable than the small parcel of seed corn reserved, but it isn't, for it is its fate to be consumed, while the other is the parent of innumerable harvests still to come. We rejoice that our question following the lecturer, "What are you going to do about it?" should have received so prompt an answer. Even Mr. McGuigan will admit that in Hongkong we are unlikely to set an example by ceasing to exploit labour as a means to an end, or to begin

seriously treating its units as ends in themselves. He may be willing to accept the Fellowship League's acceptance of the principle (when it does accept) as a step in the direction he sees the world must go. We must begin somewhere. Where better than in the individual mind? Increase the number of right-minded people, augment goodwill, and a distinct advance will be made. The idea of the Fellowship League is to abolish the racial, caste, and class distinctions that obtrude and persist even among the churches, to put, as it were, a uniform or a badge on those who decide to stand up for this form of righteousness, to "confirm" them, as the Bishop would say, and to encourage them to "let their light shine before men." Consider how it works in practice. Many men constantly say things they do not earnestly mean. When these idle remarks receive endorsement, they are apt to become convictions. For example, "We must have a war with Japan," says some chatterer, peevish by commercial rivalry or some other private grievance. If the remark is favourably received, his half idea is confirmed into a belief. The human parrots repeat it, it spreads, and soon it is a popular cry. Assume that a member of such a Fellowship League is present at the original utterance. He protests in a kindly way. "Excuse me," he says, "for pointing out that that is rather a dreadful thing to say, and mischievous if repeated. I am sure you do not really wish such horrors as war always brings." He may, if the company be reasonable, suggest that the Japanese are not at all a bad lot, when you know them. That sort of thing, with as much wisdom and tact as we expect in the Fellowships. What happens? The utterer of the dangerous remark, who had not spoken responsibly or seriously, is privately a little ashamed of it, and hastens to disavow any real bad feelings. In fact, he is "father

inclined to agree with you." Imagine that going on everywhere—in other little communities like Hongkong's—and you get at once a vision of a wave of goodwill, and sweet reason, and commonsense, creeping, creeping, swelling, swelling, growing as it goes, until at last upon the beach of international harmony and universal brotherhood it bursts in beauty. Thinking of Mr. Pollock's proposal in this way, we were dismayed to read that a man like Pastor Maconachie had thrown a little cold water on it, that he "thought it hard to see what such a League could do, beyond passing a resolution, sending it to Washington, and then dissolving." If the rev. gentleman will read carefully what we have written, and pray for light, we feel sure he will soon heartily agree with us that such a little local League, like the little league that heaveneth, can accomplish far, far more than its superficial critics would be likely to expect of it.

We do not want to say one word likely to injure the fine feelings that have started this movement, this harbinger of hope. We credit Mr. H. R. Wells with goodwill on the main issue as good as our own, and hope he will indulge us in saying that we fear his idea of social service as attacking social evils locally is too narrow. If he will allow us to nominate the social evils to be first attacked, such as wrong thinking about patriotism, moral pessimism, and the love of riches, we will gladly include it, their turn those he would himself be thinking of. Mr. McGuigan would have his own order of pre-eminence of social evils. For too many people, the phrase has come to mean attacking the social habits of other people, the goodness or badness of which is often debatable. Let's attack our own first. Have we made it clear that for us the first social evil to be attacked is wrong thinking and thoughtlessness? In this connection we embrace as a brother Mr. Arnold Hughes, who put it in an epigram for us. "Begin by thinking, not doing," he said. Although we consider right thinking as the biggest kind of doing, we know what he meant, and we endorse and applaud. Fabian methods seem slow to the ardent and energetic, but they are essential. The Buddhist philosophy has thinking rightly placed. We are, it points out, what we think. If we do not think, we are nothing. If we think healthily, we are healthy. It is a profound truth, logically and empirically demonstrable, in spite of any quibblers.

So we have our League, and our hopes of it, though we do wish Mr. Maconachie had thought more before he spoke and saddled it with such an unwieldy name. The League of Fellowship was enough, and said all. The addition of "and Service" was as unnecessary as it would be to say "the church of Christianity and morality." The addendum is understood in both cases, and to name it in that way is almost offensive. Let us repeat a point. The chief service of the members of such a Fellowship will be to testify, in some such ways as we indicated when describing the reproval of an idle but mischievous talker.

They'll know not, nor care greatly, if they be spark or star; But know to move is somewhat, although the goal be far; And larger light of lesser, this thing at least is clear, They'll serve the Cause most truly, whose service is sincere. In such ways they spread good thoughts and goodwill, and by so much reduce the amount of bad feeling which leads to wars and is the chief of social evils. This League of Fellowship is a Band of Hope. Help it to flourish. You.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Chinese porcelain, curios and lacquered ware will be auctioned tomorrow afternoon by Messrs. Hughes and Hough.

To-morrow morning Messrs. Lammert Bros. will sell 293 kegs of wire nails, sixteen coils of galvanized wire, and a quantity of cast iron water pipes.

A Maccassar cable of the 5th instant says that a most atrocious murder has been committed there by a native who took a Javanese woman to a well, stabbed her 26 times with a knife and then cut off her fingers to obtain her rings.

Mr. Mischa Elman on returning recently to America, after his tour in the Orient and the Straits, said that he had greater success than he had expected. Gowns, kimono, vases, prints, books, swords and so on were among the violinist's luggage.

Chickens of the tender age known as "broilers" are 85 cents each in Tientsin—also in Shanghai, according to the cook. It is rumoured the price may be a dollar this winter, on the ground that Shanghai's chicken crop was drowned in the recent floods.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

One case of puerperal fever, Chinese, was reported yesterday.

It.—Commander Curry left by the P. & O. s.s. "Dunera" to-day for Colombo.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mrs. Holyoak, who have been on a sea trip to Foochow, came back to the Colony yesterday.

Singapore papers announced the sudden death of Mr. E. Johannes, proprietor of the Sea View Hotel. Death followed a heart attack.

Passengers from Shanghai to Singapore by the P. & O. s.s. "Dunera" which left Hongkong to-day, were Captains W. B. Keay and Jackson.

Mr. de Carvalho, a resident of Amoy, died here yesterday and was buried last evening. The deceased, who was well on in years, had been in poor health for some time.

During the brief stay of Major-General Leonard Wood and Mr. W. Cameron Forbes in Tokyo recently they were both decorated with the First Class Order of the Rising Sun.

Arriving here by the Admiral Line steamer "Silver State," to-day Mr. Yeater, who has been acting governor of the Philippines, will visit Canton, and then continue his journey by the same vessel.

Knocked down by a motor car opposite the Takoo Docks on Shau-kiwan Road, yesterday afternoon, a coolie is now in the Government Civil Hospital receiving treatment for injuries to the legs and body. His condition is not serious.

It is reported that a guest staying at the Kale Hotel, Shanghai, last week, found that during half-an-hour's absence from his room, a despatch-box belonging to him had been ripped open and precious stones to the value of £2,500 were abstracted. The loss is stated to have been covered by insurance.

Mr. H. E. Marsden, of the Standard Oil Co., sailed from Shanghai on the R. M. S. "Empress of Russia" for Japan. Mr. Marsden is a popular American of Shanghai. He has gone to meet Miss Edna Millington, of New York, to whom he is to be married. Miss Millington is the daughter of Mrs. H. P. Millington of New York City.

The Chinese press announces that Peking has raised sufficient funds to defray the expenses of the Washington delegation, Chang Tso-lin having contributed \$100,000, whilst other contributions are anticipated from provincial authorities. It is stated also that the Chinese Bankers' Association has agreed to advance \$500,000.

H.M.S. "Hawkins," flagship of the British China Squadron, and the cruisers "Carlisle" and "Colombo" arrived at Yokohama on October 6 from Weihaiwei. On arrival of the flagship in the afternoon with Admiral Sir Alexander Duff on board, Mr. E. Hamilton Holmes, British Consul-General, Captain J. P. R. Marriott, C.M.G., British Naval Attaché, and Surgeon-Commander Francis J. Go was paid an official visit. Admiral Duff, accompanied by Capt. James, Commander of the "Hawkins," visited the British Embassy on the following day.

Civilisation in spite of the pedigree of many of the races inhabiting Singapore, proceeds very slowly with us, says the *Singapore Free Press*. That is if civilisation includes knowledge; it will take many more generations to accomplish the following in regard to traffic. (1) To convince a Chinese coolie (or any other native) that the whole road is not meant for pedestrians. (2) The rich coolie that there is any greater end in life than to catch a fare, just at this time. (3) To teach chauffeurs that a standing car is not a fair butt. (\$20 fines won't do it). (4) To teach a motor driver a moving body cannot be diverted out of its line of motion without something giving.

THE CHINA STATION.

The new light cruiser Durban, when she has completed her official trials, is to be commissioned for service on the China station. With this addition to his squadron, Sir Alexander Duff will have six light cruisers under his command, a stronger force than we have maintained in these waters since the time when we withdrew all our battleships in consequence of the Anglo-Japanese Treaty.—Truth.

INDIAN POLICE WITNESSES.

ACCUSED OF FAKING EVIDENCE.

The hearing was resumed before Magistrate Orme yesterday afternoon, of the case in which four Chinese—the coxswain of a motor boat, his fohi, and two members of the crew of a sampan—are charged with unlawful possession on board their vessels, of illicit opium.

The coxswain of the motor boat was further charged with having allowed the vessel to be used for the transportation of the opium, and Mr. N. L. Smith Superintendent of Imports and Exports intimated at the previous hearing that he would apply for the confiscation of the motor boat if a conviction were recorded.

An interesting question concerning the preparation by the police of cases for presentation at the Court was raised when it was alleged that two Indian constables were giving false evidence in support of a charge of smuggling opium on a motor launch and that the European police officers in charge of the case knew, or ought to have known, that evidence existed which would throw doubt upon the Indian constables' statements. It was suggested, further, that if this conflict of evidence had been discovered earlier, four men would not have been kept in prison for several days awaiting trial, and if the discrepancy had been discovered at the very outset the prosecution would never have been brought at all.

It was deplored at the previous hearing that two Indian constables stationed on Lamma Island, acting on information received, hired a dinghy and went out to a motor boat and two sampans which were lying in the harbour. Opium was alleged to have been found in one of the sampans, and in the motor boat.

The defence contested the truth of this evidence and alleged that, to convert what they believed to be moral guilt in respect of the motor boat, into "legal" guilt, the overzealous constables had transferred some of the opium found in the sampan into the motor boat.

In their evidence, the Indians showed some disagreement under cross-examination which led to the Magistrate remarking that "it struck him thus, in giving his evidence, one of the constables was not telling the truth."

Mr. M. K. Lo, who appeared for the defence, expressed himself strongly on the case, which he described as "trumped-up."

At the opening of yesterday's hearing, Mr. Lo asked the Magistrate whether he desired to hear further cross-examination of the Indian constables having regard to the opinions he had expressed upon their evidence last week.

The Magistrate: Perhaps I was rather carried away by your virtuous indignation, thinking that you, knowing the facts better than I did, had good grounds for that indignation.

Mr. Lo: I hope your feelings have not cooled down because, whether virtuously or otherwise, I still feel indignant because I believe the case to be a trumped-up one.

The Magistrate: It will shorten your cross-examination if you have definite evidence to disprove the evidence of the Indian constables.

Mr. Lo: I have not been able to get the passengers on the launch. Mr. Smith suggested that the Indian constables might have been too busy searching the launch to notice the escape of the other boat.

Mr. Lo: If you can get the Magistrate to believe that you will get him to believe anything.

Mr. Orme: Magistrates are very credulous people.

The fisherman who told the police about the opium then gave evidence. He said he saw the launch and two sampans meet in the bay; the launch went in between the two sampans. When the police boarded the launch one of the sampans moved away. He pursued it in the sampan the police had used. The men reached the shore and escaped.

The witness then declared that the opium in the two bags in Court was on the sampan which the men deserted. It was never in the motor launch, he said.

The Magistrate: Was the opium you saw at the Police Station like the opium you yourself found on the sampan?

Witness: It was the same two bags.

At this stage, Mr. Smith intervened to withdraw the case. He remarked that it was no offence for a motor launch to be tied to a sampan containing opium. This witness was apparently telling the truth. It was quite clear what the motor boat was doing, but a suspicion was not proof. The opium was not found on the motor boat, as the Indian constables had said, and he did not think it was worth while going on with the case.

Mr. Lo: If that is so, I hope that my "virtuous indignation" will be shared, not only by the Bench, but by

Mr. Smith. It is high time that the administration of justice in this Court was not polluted, consciously or unconsciously, by bringing absolute liars into Court to convict people. I don't want to make unpleasant suggestions, but it was up to the police to find out their case from the informer. They have no business to detain these men for a week knowing they will not be able to prove their case.

The Magistrate: Who knew? Do you suggest Mr. Smith knew?

Mr. Lo: It is up to the police to find out. Mr. Smith is a person to whom I entertain such high regard that I would not think of making any imputations against him. I am asking your Worship to bear me out in saying this, that the police must have known—if they did not they were guilty of gross dereliction of duty. When they opened the case they should have been in a position to indicate that a conflict of evidence would be brought out. Instead of that they have to confess at this stage that the police witnesses have not been telling the truth. The police representing the Crown—the fountain of justice—should have got this information from the informer at the outset. Mr. Smith has just whispered me that the evidence of the informer came to him as an absolute surprise but the police should have known it long ago. I protest against this pollution of the administration of justice. It is doing the fair name of British justice a great deal of harm. I ask you to fine the Indian constables for perjury.

The Magistrate: I have no idea which is right—the informer or the Indians. All I can say is, there is a discrepancy. I am constantly in this unfortunate position in which, owing to conflict of evidence, I have no idea what are the facts.

Mr. Lo: You expressed disapproval of the first witness's demeanour at the last hearing.

The Magistrate: I did not express disapproval; I made a note of it. I said the man showed nervousness, but it might have been for other reasons. I have only heard your remarks; I have not heard what the defendants have to say.

Mr. Lo said he would not have made his remarks if Mr. Smith, representing the prosecution, had not said that in his opinion the case could not go on. He could not call the defendants if the case were withdrawn.

The Magistrate remarked that Mr. Smith was only expressing an opinion.

Mr. Smith: I am not prosecuting. I was asked to come up, as it was an important opium case. The informer's evidence is as new to me as to the Court.

The Magistrate: As to expressing any surprise and indignation as to Indian witnesses' evidence, I should be very glad if they were all entirely infallible, but I am afraid until the oath is changed we shall have this difficulty. I am afraid we can't rely on Indians to be entirely truthful. Acting according to their best lights, I am afraid they diverge sometimes from the truth. That applies to Chinese police as well. I wish I could always believe them.

Mr. Lo: I am complaining that the prosecution should not have started the case when they knew or ought to have known the informer's evidence.

The Magistrate: Well, Inspector Spear, you are in charge.

Sub-Inspector Spear: Mr. Lo evidently refers to me.

Mr. Lo: Yes, I must, because you are in charge.

Sub-Inspector Spear: I have never seen or interrogated one of these witnesses. I have a master and I had to do as I am told. Inspector Angus directed me to take charge of the case.

The Magistrate: I am afraid elucidation is not so easy for the police as Mr. Lo seems to think. It is extremely difficult for them, even, to get to the bottom of a story. In my experience it is very difficult.

Mr. Lo: I don't suggest that Inspector Spear will come here and tell lies; I am not complaining against him individually. I am complaining of the administration of justice. If the man in charge had had, in the first instance, a draft of what the informer would say and what the Indian constables would say the prosecution would never have been brought.

The Magistrate: I have not heard enough to say whether the Indians may have told the truth or not. On the evidence before me there are inconsistencies. It does not follow that the evidence of the informer can be accepted; the evidence of informers is not easy to deal with.

Mr. Lo indicated that he was prepared to go on with the case and sift the evidence further, but he understood that the prosecution was not prepared to go on. Therefore, he had no option in the matter.

Mr. Smith said he based his case on the fact that the opium was found on a sampan which was tied alongside the motor launch. If that was constructive possession by the people on the motor launch he would go on with the case on that ground.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

PARIS BANK CONSORTIUM'S DECISION.

LOCAL MANAGER'S STATEMENT.

A *China Mail* reporter this morning interviewed the local manager of the Banque Industrielle de Chine regarding the Reuter cable from Paris published in another column stating that the consortium of banks which was formed with the object of coming to the rescue of the Banque Industrielle de Chine has informed the Minister of Finance that it has been obliged to abandon the idea owing to the fact that the Chinese Government is no longer prepared to abide by its promised guarantees.

M. Montargis, the manager, said that he had received no official intimation from Paris but was immediately cabling the head office for more precise information. As soon as that arrived he would be glad to make it available for publication.

The opinion is held locally that the consortium's decision may not necessarily mean that the Banque will not, as predicted by M. Montargis in his affidavit applying to the Supreme Court for further adjournment of the winding up petition, be in a position to re-open for business in or before March 1922 when it was hoped it would carry on under a reorganisation scheme providing for the repayment in full of all purely banking debts within six months, thereafter. It is said that the consortium scheme with the Chinese Government is understood to be only one of several projects for saving the Banque. However, in the absence of definite news at the moment it is difficult to interpret the exact effects probable from the consortium's decision, and the more precise information sought by M. Montargis will be anxiously awaited.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

TWO MEN CHARGED WITH INTIMIDATION.

Lam Kwai Yuen a shroff employed at the Imports and Exports Office, and another Chinese named Tong Kui Sang, of no occupation, both giving their address as No. 10, Possession Street, were this morning charged before Magistrate Orme with conspiracy, and with demanding, with menaces, \$350 from Chan Ng, master of the Sze Chan foreign piece-goods shop of No. 33, Queen's Road Central.

Mr. Leo Longinotto appeared for the complainant, and Mr. R. E. Webster for the defendants.

Mr. Webster applied for a remand in order to get instructions, as he had only just been retained. Mr. Longinotto raising no objection, the hearing of the case was fixed for October 27. Bail was fixed in the sum of \$500 each.

NEWS FROM WUCHOW.

DR. SUN TO CONFER WITH KWANGTUNG GENERALS.

Wuchow, Oct. 19. General Chan Kwen Ming, Commander-in-chief of the Kwangtung forces is on his way down from Nanking to Wuchow and General Li is also coming here from Kweilin. Both are to confer with Dr. Sun who arrived here from Canton on Monday. The town was decorated in honour of Dr. Sun's arrival and all the school children marched out to meet him with bands playing and flags flying. On landing Dr. Sun was met by all the officials of the town, in the presence of a big gathering of people, and a Presidential salute of 21 guns was fired.

The Magistrate: But the Indians have said the opium was on the motor launch.

Mr. Smith: Yes. That entirely vitiates the case.

The Magistrate: I am afraid I have too long experience to be as much astonished as Mr. Lo. If we could only get evidence which could be relied upon as truth it would make things much easier here. I don't know if anyone has heard the informer's evidence before.

Mr. Smith said he had not heard any of the witnesses before they came into Court.

The Magistrate told Mr. Smith that he need not let Mr. Lo's indignation deter him from continuing the case if he felt inclined to do so.

Mr. Smith replied that he felt equally "indignant," as to the motor boat drifting against wind and tide into the bay, but he did not think the case could be brought to a successful conclusion.

The "defendants" were then discharged.

COURT MARTIAL.

SERGEANT WHO OVERSLEPT.

HAD LIQUOR BLAMED.

Bad liquor was blamed for the delinquency of an N.C.O. who appeared for a District Court Martial at Murray Barracks this morning to answer a charge alleging absence without leave.

The accused was No. 5562269, Sergt. A. Monaghan M.M., of the 2nd Wiltshire Regiment. Major W. C. Downing, R.A.M., was the president of the Court and the other members were Capt. E. L. Betts, 2nd Wiltshire, and Capt. H. E. Morton, 2nd Punjab.

Lieut. J. M. Dodington, 2nd Wiltshire, prosecuted and Mr. C. F. Mason appeared for the accused who pleaded guilty.

It was disclosed by the summary of evidence which the President read out that the accused was absent without leave from 11 a.m. on October 6 until apprehended by the garrison military police at about 7.30 p.m. on October 7.

Addressing the Court, Mr. Mason said that the accused had been in the Army now for nine years and had been a Sergeant since 1917. It was absurd, counsel suggested, to imagine that he should have been absent from duty on purpose. He had rather been the victim of circumstances over which he had no control.

What happened, Mr. Mason explained, was that on October 6 the accused was ordered to attend at the hospital at 9 a.m. for the purpose of obtaining certain medicine. He duly attended hospital and at 11 a.m. he obtained the medicine.

After that he was supposed to go down Queen's Road to see a dentist to whom he was given a chit. He left the hospital and in Queen's Road he met a friend whom he had not seen for many years.

They had several drinks together and Mr. Mason could not see that that was a very serious offence in view of the fact that he had not run across his friend for a very long time.

Anyway, counsel proceeded, it got too late to go to the dentist and later the accused went across to Stonecutters. After returning from there he was making his way up to the Barracks when he met his friend again. They had one or, perhaps, two more drinks together and then the accused went to his friend's room in a hotel to have a nap.

"Unfortunately," Mr. Mason declared, "the nap was prolonged rather longer than he expected and he did not wake up until the following day. He had no intention of being absent from duty. He overslept himself, admittedly after having a drink or two. I submit that it is within the common knowledge of this Court that in some of the hotels in this colony the liquor that can be purchased is not all that it should be and that it is quite possible that it was the bad liquor that caused this oversleeping. In any event when the accused was apprehended he was returning to Barracks and you will find from the evidence that he was sober, clean and properly dressed. I submit that on the facts it was an unfortunate accident and the accused was a victim of circumstances."

"It is absurd," Mr. Mason reiterated at the end of his address, "that the accused, with nine years' service, four years as a Sergeant, with Military medals bestowed for bravery on the field would be guilty of an offence of this nature, well knowing what the consequences would be. I submit that the punishment should be the highest possible."

Evidence of good conduct was given by Major G. F. E. Rapson, of the Wiltshire, who said he had known the accused for 4½ years. During the period he served with his Battalion in France he had always proved a gallant and honourable N.C.O. and he had worked hard since peace. The only fault witness had to find with him was that there had been one or two occasions of absence. Otherwise he had worked very hard.

Put in by the Prosecutor, the accused's record showed that he was entitled to wear the Military Medal, 1914 star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. Since enlistment he had been charged four times with absence and once with using obscene language.

At the conclusion of the evidence the Court retired to consider its sentence which will be duly promulgated later.

SUN WEN AT WUCHOW.

TWENTY-ONE GUN SALUTE.

President Sun Yat-sen and suite arrived at Wuchow on Monday, and received a salute of 21 guns. His Excellency is staying at the Chamber of Commerce there. The visit is believed to mean a review of the army or a consultation with the commander.

TO MEET THE PRINCE.

PROGRAMME MUST BE CABLED HOME.

Approached this morning by a China Mail representative wishing to learn whether reporters would be admitted to the meeting of the committee appointed yesterday to make arrangements for entertaining the Prince of Wales during his forthcoming visit to the Colony, the Colonial Secretary (Mr. Claud Severn) said that the deliberations would not be open to the public and "it would be better not to send reporters." Dr. Severn added: "There will be newspaper representatives present anyway. Our representative pressed the Colonial Secretary to state when details of the arrangements would be available for publication. Dr. Severn replied that he thought nothing could be published until the committee's programme had been cabled home and approved by the Prince's secretary. When a reply was received, added Dr. Severn in answer to further questions, he thought an official statement would be issued to the Press—assuredly to all four papers simultaneously."

SINGAPORE ARRANGEMENTS.

The arrangements for the Prince's visit to Singapore includes the following:

Friday, March 31: Morning.—His Royal Highness arrives, and is met at Johnston's Pier, where one address from the whole Colony is read by the senior hon. unofficial member of Legislative Council. His Royal Highness is then escorted in procession to Government House, where the Memorial to the Fallen on the way.

Afternoon.—His Royal Highness visits the Malaya Borneo Exhibition of Arts and Crafts which is being arranged, and after that the Singapore Yacht Club, to witness the finish of a race.

Evening. Banquet and Ball at Government House.

Saturday, April 1: Morning.—His Royal Highness perhaps pays a visit to Johore. Lunches with the civic authorities or leading members of the unofficial community.

Afternoon.—Attends race meeting at Singapore Sporting Club. It is hoped that three of the races will be for amateur riders.

Evening.—Dines with the ex-Servicemen Association and then drives to the Singapore Cricket Club, to witness from the balcony thereof a torchlight procession and Drak dancing. Ball at Tanglin Club or Goodwood Hall.

The Chairman of the Committee appointed to make the arrangements, stated that at the next meeting of the Legislative Council he would ask the Council to vote a sum sufficient to provide a welcome worthy of the occasion and of the Colony. He mentioned that Ceylon has voted Rs. 200,000 and that he felt sure that though times were difficult this Colony would not wish to fall short of Ceylon in the reception which it accorded to His Royal Highness.

The meeting concluded with the appointment of the following officers to the General Committee, in addition to the Chairman (the Hon. Mr. F. S. James) Hon. General Secretary, Mr. W. H. Macgregor, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. C. Peter, Hon. Assistant Secretaries, Messrs. J. D. Hall and C. R. Cherry.

Committees were appointed for decorating the town, receiving the Prince, arranging the line of route, decorating the harbour, arranging a torchlight procession, the Staging Dyak dancing, planning the unveiling ceremony, arranging a race meeting, illuminating the town, entertaining the officers and the men of "Renown" and "Malaya," and accommodating the officers for two nights. A transport, a children's and an Executive committee were also appointed.

UNLUCKY GAMBLER.

JUMP FROM MACAO STEAMER.

There was some excitement in the harbour as the s.s. "Suian" came in from Macao yesterday. The steamer was making towards the wharf, when a well-dressed Chinese woman jumped into the water from the first class deck. She was promptly rescued by a boatman and taken by motor ambulance to the Government Civil Hospital where she is recovering from the effects of the immersion. Other passengers say that the woman had lost about \$2,000 at fan-tan.

A homing pigeon that dropped exhausted on to Broadway bore a message that Mr. Edmund Heller, the famous naturalist and explorer, had become lost among the Hoodoo mountains in Yellowstone Park, and was in urgent need of assistance. The pigeon had travelled 2,000 miles in four days with the message.

HARBOUR SWIM.

CARNIVAL AND DANCE ARRANGED.

The annual harbour races, under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club take place this year on Monday and Tuesday, October 24 and 25, the ladies' event on the former day and the men's on the latter. A carnival and dance have been arranged, in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Home, to follow Tuesday's race. The carnival, which commences at 9 p.m., offers an attractive programme, including such novel events as a Dog Derby, Fishing Competition (real fish) open to lady anglers, a Mixed Nomination Race, and a Fancy Costume Race (a la Mack Sennett Bathing Beauties). Admission to the carnival and dance will be \$1 for ladies and gentlemen.

Entries for the Harbour Race, which were to have closed to-day, have been, as a courtesy to the men of various ships which are due in port during the next two days, left open until Saturday, in order to give those desirous of competing a fair chance to enter.

Names of competitors received up to this morning were:—

Ladies: Mrs. L. Richmond (Canter), Mrs. Clemo, Misses G. Ramsay, M. Ramsay, D. Wittehill and T. May. The Misses Ruby and Vivian Young have intimated their intention of competing, but have not yet sent in their names to Mr. Wittehill. Other probable starters are Misses B. Bliss and N. Pile, making the total ten, the same number as last year.

Men: Wong Po-shum, A. May, J. V. Ramsay, A. Botelho, F. M. Roza Pereira, W. H. Howard, K. A. Mason, G. W. Sewell, Gr. Lewis (88th Coy. R.A.G.), D. Jaing, Dr. Ogilvie, A. F. Millard, P. J. O'Brien, R. W. Smith, T. Simmonds (H.M.S. "Dredge"), G. Jack and W. Gerrard. J. Johnston, last year's winner, will of course, again compete. Other probable starters are E. Buschaert, C. Logan, S. A. Marcal, F. M. Cruz, G. A. Carvalho and L. G. Frost, all of whom, with the exception of Buschaert, competed last year.

Keen competition is promised. Miss Thelma May is the youngest lady aspirant for the laurels in the big swimming event of the year. Her brother, A. May, the boy Champion of the Colony, has the distinction of being the youngest competitor in the men's event. He is a clever young swimmer who has given a remarkably fine account of himself this season, and should certainly not be left in the race.

Last year's winners of the events were:—

Ladies: Miss Ruby Young, 37mins. 10.3secs.; Mrs. Richmond, 37mins. 42secs.; and Miss Daisy Wittehill, 42mins.

Men: J. R. Johnston, 23mins. 53.1secs.; D. Laing, 26mins. 21secs.; and L. G. Frost, 26mins. 24secs.

The record for the distance is held by J. C. Finch, with the excellent time of 22mins. 26secs. made in 1913.

CROWD CHASE BANDITS.

REVOLVER BATTLE IN CROWDED STREETS.

The courage of some pedestrians in the streets of Cetto, in the south of France, was responsible for the capture of three bandits who had just robbed an official of a bandbag containing £40,000 in notes and securities. M. Boillot was leaving his house in the Rue Montmorency carrying the bag, when he was attacked by three unknown men, one of whom stunned him with a club.

The three made off with the money, scattering the people with revolver shots, but some passers-by produced firearms and started in pursuit.

The bandits were cornered near the station, one being hit by a rifle bullet fired by a young man and another being killed by a motor driver who had joined in the chase. The third was rounded up soon afterwards.

It is thought that the man who was killed is the criminal Levy who escaped from the police at Montpellier a short time ago.

The British monitor, lying bottom upward, filled with depth charges and other high explosives, which, was sunk off Ostend during the war, is to be demolished.

A Chicago man was sentenced to be hanged for murder, but obtained an eleventh-hour reprieve and a new trial, in which he was found "Not guilty." The prisoner on his release asked for the rope which was to have hanged him, in order to make a giant swing for the children in his neighbourhood, as a thank-offering for his life. His request was granted.

SHIPPING.

CAPETOWN.

HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT.

An instructive illustration of the way in which the character of commercial shipping has changed in recent years is furnished by mail advices from Cape Town to the effect that the South African Government contemplates making extensive improvements to Table Bay Harbour, which is the port for Cape Town. For some time past Table Bay Harbour has been becoming more and more inadequate to deal with the trade which passes through it, due not so much to increase in the volume of the trade as to the growth in the size of the ocean-going merchant vessels visiting the port. There has never been a very great depth of water in the harbour, but until the last few years the majority of the vessels trading at the port were of sufficiently shallow draught to be accommodated without difficulty. Now nearly all the merchant vessels which visit the port are of such deep draught that most of the berths in the harbour are quite useless to accommodate them, and the two or three available berths are ill-equipped to deal with the increased amount of work thrown upon them. Last year the port was very seriously congested, although the volume of cargo dealt with, estimated at well over a million tons, was not so large by something like half a million tons as the amount handled at the port in some previous years. It is not considered feasible to provide more than one additional deep-water berth in the existing harbour, and a special commission has now been appointed by the South African Government to investigate the needs of the port and draw up a comprehensive scheme of extension and improvement.

GENERAL NOTES.

The Silver State, broke the record for speed between Seattle and the Orient on her last homeward voyage. She averaged 18.02 knots between the two ports, in nine days, 18 hours and 25 minutes.

A message from Vigo states that the crew of a Chinese steamer, the name of which is given as the "Wallawa," mutinied against their captain. Spanish naval assistance was sought and the crew were placed under arrest.

The Peninsular and Oriental liner "Mantua," London for Sydney, collided with a Norwegian ketch at three in the morning off the Isle of Wight. The ketch was cut in two. Her crew were rescued and taken on board the "Mantua," which proceeded undamaged.

Latest reports from the States do not give much hope that the vast drain on the National Exchequer will end with the loss of £37,000,000 on this year's working, but the Shipping Board chairman is reported to be determined upon drastic measures. There are now 638 steel steamers, out of 1,400 owned by the Government, in operation, and if after a few months' trial they fail to pay their way they will be gradually withdrawn. No demand for the 762 idle Government ships is anticipated for several months, and steamship men in the States declare that unless the trade conditions improve the number laid up is likely to be increased rather than diminished, despite the best efforts of the Government's experts.

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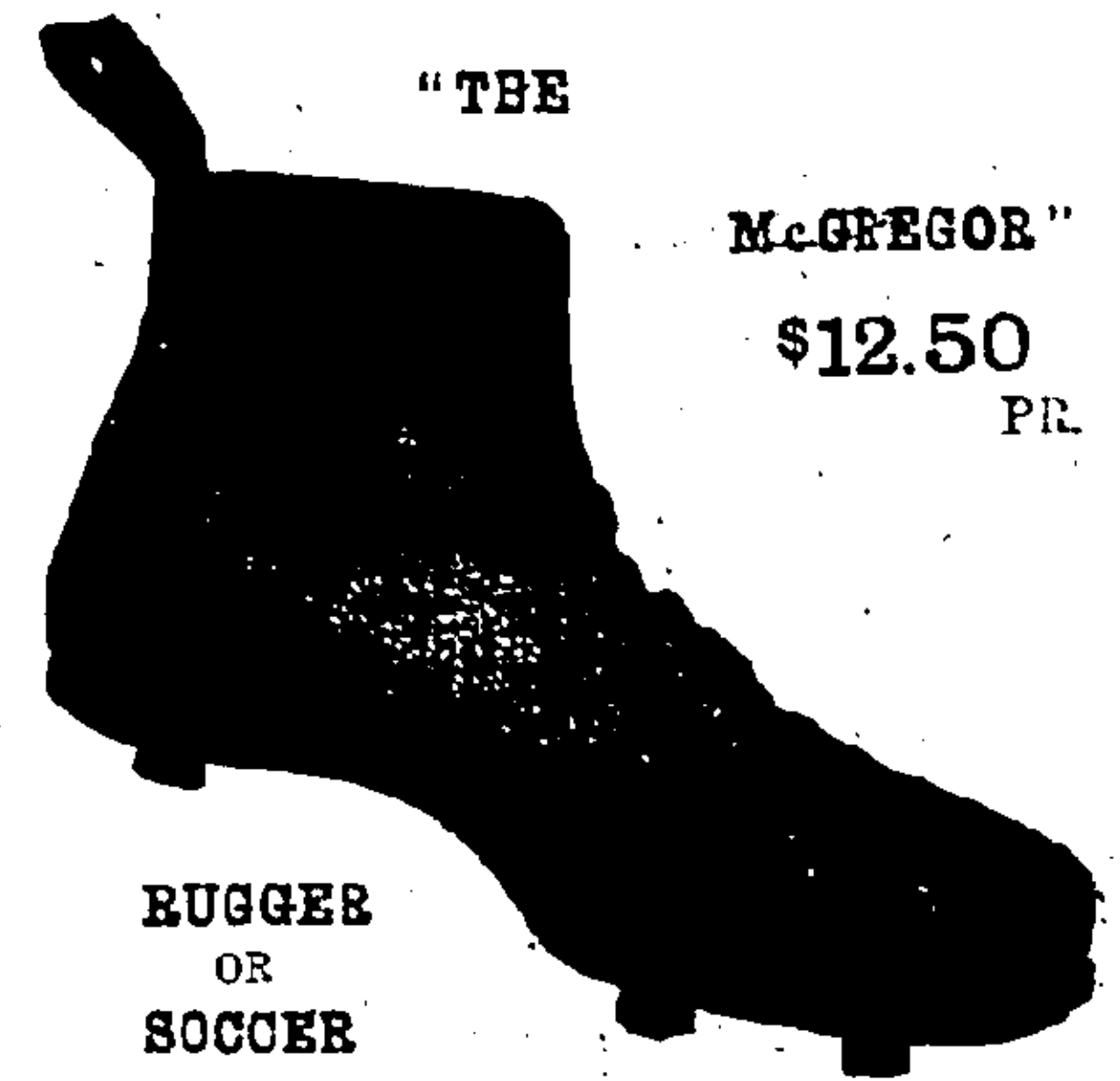
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"GROUPING" CROWN COLONIES.

NOTHING KNOWN OF SCHEME HERE.

A China Mail reporter made inquiry in official circles this morning regarding Mr. Winston Churchill's reported "important scheme for the reorganisation of the administration of the Crown Colonies and Protectorates." He dealt with in yesterday's China Mail leader under the heading, "Our New 'Colonial Broom'." He did not learn much, as nothing seemed to be known beyond what has appeared in the Press. One high official, who was asked if Hongkong was affected by the reported new grouping scheme, replied that he was "glad Hongkong's name had not been mentioned," and then added that he thought "the whole thing was a canard." He himself had heard nothing about the scheme; his only information was from the newspapers. There was nothing official but the reporter might if he wished approach the Governor. But that was enough evidence for us that our original diagnosis was correct. We shall hear no more of it.

WILFUL NEGLECT ALLEGED.

CHARGE AGAINST ENGINEER.

Wilful neglect of duty was all that was alleged against J. W. Drake, a junior engineer on board H.M.T.S. "Pearl" at the Marine Court today. The charge set out that at 1 a.m. on October 16 he wilfully neglected his duty by absenting himself from the engine room or the stokehold and going to sleep in a deck chair on the poop. Thereby, it was alleged, he endangered the lives and property on board the ship. The case was remanded to next week in order to give the defendant an opportunity of getting legal advice.

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KINEMA NOTES.

FINE PROGRAMME AT THE CORONET.

Unusually attractive, the programme current at the Coronet Theatre offers both entertaining pictures and excellent music. Popular Tom Moore excels himself in a delightful old-world comedy with a spice of excitement, "A Man and his Money." Serena Owen is a capable partner in a photoplay both clever and amusing, "A Man and his Money" fully justifies the alluring posters printed for it. More rollicking in its humour is "Cash Customers," a broad farce featuring "Snub" Pollard. Will Rogers' "illiterate" aphorisms are both clever and pointed. The gazette is extremely interesting, showing among other notable events the last cruise of the giant ship, B. 38, and the funeral of the victims. Extremely interesting also were the pictures of events during the last decade selected to celebrate Topical Budget's tenth anniversary, the visit of British royalty to Berlin before the war, the

"FACE BURST."

GIRL PROSECUTES OFFENSIVE COOLIE.

For meddling with a Chinese girl in Graham Street at 9 p.m., yesterday, a chair coolie was fined \$10, or 14 days' hard labour by Magistrate Lind-sell this morning.

The defence said that he swung his arm and accidentally touched the complainant. He apologised, but was given in charge.

Replying to the Magistrate, the complainant said that she was not a child, and knew the difference between an "accidental" and a "malicious" touch. "Had I thought it was accidental," she added, "I would not come to Court and 'burst my face.' It is not a thing one likes to tell people about."

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each additional 2 oz. 3 " "
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The rate of postage on letters from 'India' to Hongkong has been increased 103 cents an ounce or fraction thereof with a War Tax of 1 cent. on each letter from 1st October, 1921.

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INWARD MAILS.

FROM	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20.	PER
Shanghai	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21.	Hangchow
Manila	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21.	Durban Maru
U.S.A. and Manila	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22.	Taiyo Maru
Japan	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23.	Armand Behre
Shanghai	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26.	Mito Maru
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27.	Monteagle
Japan & Shanghai	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27.	Rangoon Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20.	PER	TIMES
Shanghai and North China	Hangchow	4 p.m.	
Shanghai and North China	Rangoon	4.30 p.m.	
Sambur and Widdow	Chung Hing	5 p.m.	
Touane and Quinhoo	Yue Ying Wah	5 p.m.	
Hoibow and "Haiphong"	Sunong	5 p.m.	
Amoy, "Shanghai" and "North China"	Japan	5 p.m.	
Amoy, "Shanghai," North China and "Japan"	Philippine Islands	5 p.m.	
Philippine Islands	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21.		
Fort Bayard, Hoibow and Haiphong	Haioi	8 a.m.	
"Swatow," Amoy, "Straits" and "Bangkok"	Tea	11 a.m.	
"Shanghai" and "North China"	Benlomond	11 a.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Haiphong	1 p.m.	
Philippine Islands	Kanchow	2 p.m.	
Wailwei, Choofo and "Hainan"	Kanchow	2 p.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung	Kaio Maru	9 a.m.	
Dairen, "Japan" and "VICTORIA B.O."	Arizona Maru	9 a.m.	
"Haiphong," "Bangkok," "Calcutta," "Aden," "Colombo" and "Ceylon"	Changchow	9 a.m.	
Shanghai, North China, Japan, Canada, United States, Central and South America & "EUROPE" via VICTORIA B.O. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Borneo Maru	10 a.m.	
Straits, "Bangkok," Calcutta and ADEN	Silver State	2 p.m.	
Haiphong, Saigon, "Straits," "Bangkok," "Ceylon," Mauritius, "L. Marques," "South Africa," "India" via Dhanushkoti, Egypt, Aden & "EUROPE" via MABELLER.	Changchow	2 p.m.	
Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.			
Shanghai and North China	Armand Behre	3 p.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Yingchow	3 p.m.	
Shanghai, North China and Japan	Mathew	5 p.m.	
Swatow, "Shanghai" and "North China"	Namsang	5 p.m.	
Cebu	Tungshing	5 p.m.	
Swatow, "Straits" and "Bangkok"	Sabat	5 p.m.	
Swatow, "Straits" and "Bangkok"	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23.		
Shanghai, North China and Japan	Rangoon	9 a.m.	
Tientsin	Banco	8.30 a.m.	
Swatow and Bangkok	Changchow	11 a.m.	
Nieppo, "Shanghai" and "North China"	Changchow	5 p.m.	
Hoibow and Haiphong	Wingang	5 p.m.	
Swatow and Bangkok	Tatsung	9 a.m.	
Swatow, "Shanghai" and "North China"	Changchow	9 a.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Haiphong	11 a.m.	
Shanghai and North China	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23.		
Shanghai, North China and Japan	Kaga Maru	9 a.m.	
Straits, "Bangkok," Ceylon, Mauritius, "L. Marques," "South Africa," "India" via Dhanushkoti, Egypt & "EUROPE" via MABELLER.	Yingchow	3 p.m.	
Registration 2.45 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m.	Haiphong	3 p.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Haiphong	3 p.m.	

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Last week 17.25 17.25 17.30 17.15

Yarn.—Prices have been advanced in sympathy with the raw material and neither buyers nor sellers are anxious to operate in the present state of the Market.

Very little business has come to book. Prices have advanced considerably during the week, following the rises in prices of Cotton and Yarn.

Manchester does not understand the cause of the advance. The American Bureau report estimates this year's crop as low as 7,000,000 bales. The carry over at 1st Oct. was 1,000,000 bales. As the but the people on the beach had failed the world's consumption 1920/21 was 104 million and in 1919/20 12,000,000, 11 per cent. less.

It is stated that much of the Cotton carried over is not usable, but with 16,000,000 bales available there is a considerable margin for this contingency.

In the meantime the bull interest have taken command.

India, China and all other Markets have so far refused to follow prices.

Holders of stock are no longer readily induced to part with them at bargain prices.

The turnover of cloth has been very small and the sales of Cotton do not represent purchases as cover for orders booked for cloth.

Overseas Markets are offering business at the prices quoted a week ago, but the orders cannot of course be booked.

Consternation was caused among a large number of bathers at Stokes Bay Beach, Gosport, by the spectacle of a large dummy torpedo making its way through the water to the beach, and landing. So great was the wash from the weapon that several children were thrown off their feet and scattered in all directions. Fortunately no one was hurt. Subsequently it transpired that the dummy had been practising running torpedoes. July was over 9,000,000 bales. As the but the people on the beach had failed the world's consumption 1920/21 was 104 million and in 1919/20 12,000,000, 11 per cent. less.

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